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SUBJECT: RESPONSES TO SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FOREIGN  
MINISTERS ON ICNAF ANNUAL MEETING

REF: STATE 98302

1. BRIEFING MEMO. SUMMARY: YOUR LETTER TO SELECTED  
FOREIGN MINISTERS OF APRIL 22 (REFTEL) NOTED DIFFICULTY  
FOR US IN ATTENDING ICNAF ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR  
HAVANA. CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS MAC EACHEN HAS RESPONDED, (LETTER QUOTED BELOW)  
WITH HOPE US WILL ATTEND AND RELAYING CATEGORICAL  
ASSURANCE FROM CUBAN REP TO LOS THAT CUBAN GOVERNMENT  
WOULD ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE DONE TO AVOID  
ANY EMBARRASSMENT FOR US. INITIAL REACTIONS FROM  
OTHER CAPITALS ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW. YOU MAY WISH TO  
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DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH MAC EACHEN IN YOUR

MAY 4 OR 5 NAIROBI MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED FROM CANADIAN EMBASSY APRIL 30 WITH COMMENT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH SECRETARY MAC EACHEN AT NAIROBI MEETING. QUOTE DEAR HENRY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 23 INDICATING THAT IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ICNAF IF IT IS HELD IN HAVANA AS PLANNED. I FULLY APPRECIATE YOUR FRANKNESS IN MENTIONING THIS PROBLEM AND TELLING ME OF THE EMBARRASSMENT THAT WOULD RESULT FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING.

IT IS CLEAR FROM MY LETTER OF APRIL 28 AND YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 23 THAT WE BOTH REGARD THIS MEETING AS A CRUCIAL ONE. THE JURISDICTIONAL CHANGES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO OCCUR IN THE ICNAF AREA IN THE 1977 FISHING SEASON MAKE IT VITAL THAT THE PRINCIPAL COASTAL STATES IN ICNAF BE REPRESENTED. WE ARE THEREFORE VERY CONCERNED AT THE PROSPECT THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY DECIDE NOT TO ATTEND THE HAVANA MEETING. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUES AT STAKE, I SINCERELY HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR YOUR DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE AS PLANNED.

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT THE HEAD OF THE CUBAN DELEGATION HAS APPROACHED MR. BEESLEY, ALTERNATE HEAD OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION AT UNCLOS, AND VOLUNTEERED THAT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE DONE TO AVOID ANY EMBARRASSMENT FOR THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES ARISING FROM THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ICNAF MEETING AND SAID ALSO THAT HIS CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE ON THIS POINT SHOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE JUNE MEETING, IT IS OF COURSE MOST IMPORTANT THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE FINALIZED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO FURTHER THE PROSPECTS FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR COMMON FISHERIES OBJECTIVES AT THAT MEETING. BEST WISHES,  
ALLAN J. MAC EACHEN. UNQUOTE.  
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3. INITIAL REACTIONS FROM OTHER CAPITALS:

JAPAN: WILL CONSULT WITH OTHER ICNAF MEMBERS BEFORE MAKING RESPONSE. WILL PROBABLY SUPPORT REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN VENUE IF OTHERS DO. WILL RESPOND AFTER MAY 5.

UNITED KINGDOM: FONSEC CROSSLAND DISCUSSED WITH

SECRETARY ON APRIL 24. WILL RESPOND FIRST OF MAY.

ICELAND: HAD CONSULTED WITH OTHER SCANDANAVIANS. GOI  
AND BY INFERENCE NORWAY AND DENMARK WILL BE INFLUENCED

BY CANADIAN RESPONSE. SYMPATHETIC.

FRG: SYMPATHETIC BUT DOES NOT SEE HOW TWO THIRDS  
MAJORITY COULD BE OBTAINED FOR CHANGE IN VENUE.

4. CANADIAN RESPONSE IS ONLY FORMAL REPLY RECEIVED  
TO DATE. LETTER SENT ALSO TO NORWAY, DENMARK, FRANCE,  
SPAIN AND ITALY, WHICH HAVE NOT RESPONDED EVEN PRE-  
LIMINARILY. SISCO

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